



Tickets for Children's Charities 2020

The most beautiful music in the world is the sound of children laughing.

Since 1992, **Idlewild & SoakZone**, along with our sister parks **Kennywood** and **Sandcastle**, have donated over 300,000 days of summer fun through our **Tickets for Children's Charities** program, by providing tickets to organizations that directly serve disadvantaged children and/or children with disabilities.

This particular program is dedicated toward making an immediate, and direct, impact on youngsters with those particular special needs. It offers children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience one of our parks, a day filled with fun and laughter, and the promise of wonderful memories for years to come.

Written requests from tax-exempt 501C-3 charitable organizations whose requests fall within the program guidelines are accepted each September through January by **Idlewild & SoakZone**.

Two types of tickets are awarded:

TYPE A tickets are for use by individual children. These tickets are good Tuesday through Friday during the summer season through August 7, 2020.

TYPE B tickets are distributed to organizations that directly help disadvantaged children or children with disabilities to be used as a fundraiser.

Type B Tickets are good weekdays (Monday-Friday) during the summer season through August 7, 2020.

(Note: further date restrictions may apply to both Type A and Type B tickets. Review printed ticket when received)

Following the review of requests, in order of receipt, organizations receiving ticket grants will receive a letter of acceptance normally by early April 2020. Please understand that we receive hundreds of requests and a limited number of tickets are available for distribution.

How to request **Tickets for Children's Charities**:

Step 1: Review Mission Statement to determine if your organization qualifies:

The mission of Tickets for Children's Charities is to provide tickets to 501C-3 not-for-profit organizations to be used directly by disadvantaged children and/or children with disabilities, and to provide tickets for fund-raising purposes for agencies that work directly with such children.

Step 2: Submit Letter of Request and Application Form

On organization letterhead, please include information about your organization and summary information regarding the number of tickets and who will utilize the tickets.

The application form, along with Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on page 2 of this document.

Requests should be received by January 31, 2020, for the 2020 Summer Season

Please mail completed form with an accompanying letter & brochure (if available) to:

Tickets for Children Charities
c/o Idlewild
PO Box C
Ligonier, PA 15658

(For Kennywood or Sandcastle ticket requests, please reference kennywood.com or sandcastlewaterpark.com)

Frequently Asked Questions regarding the *Tickets for Children's Charities* program:

Q. Who qualifies to receive these tickets?

A. The mission of *Tickets for Children's Charities* is to provide tickets to 501C-3 not-for-profit organizations to be used directly by disadvantaged children and/or children with disabilities, and to provide tickets for fund-raising purposes for agencies that work directly with such children.

Q. Just what do *Tickets for Children's Charities* offer?

A. There are two categories of tickets: one benefiting individual children (Type A), and the other benefiting an organization that directly supports children (Type B).

Q. Are individuals raising funds privately eligible to receive tickets?

A. No. All tickets are disbursed via charities that directly benefit children, i.e., tickets are granted to 501C-3 organizations directly rather than through individual fundraising activities.

Q. May our group use tickets to raise money for our children with door prizes, raffles, etc.?

A. Type A tickets must be used directly for childrens' visits to the park. Type B tickets may only be used to raise money to directly benefit the children at the 501C-3 organization. Usually this is done through the sale of the tickets at a discounted price, but may be offered as a prize if the Childrens' Charity Ticket Committee gives such authorization by approving the donation request.

Q. Do you accept proposals from 501C-3 non-profits outside the western Pennsylvania area?

A. Yes.

Q. Do past ticket recipients automatically receive tickets?

A. No. Each year is autonomous. You may also reapply if you did not receive tickets previously.

Q. When are applications for *Tickets for Children's Charities* accepted?

A. Applications may be submitted between **September 1, 2019** and **January 31, 2020** for the following summer season. Applications are reviewed in order of receipt. Awards and distribution will generally take place by the end of March. Please understand that due to the seasonality of our business, we cannot grant many requests that fall during the November-March timeframe.

Q. Who decides which groups receive tickets?

A. A rotating committee at each park meets in February and March to award tickets.

Q. If I have further questions, whom should I contact?

A. Please call 724.238.3666 and the switchboard operator will direct you to the current year's *Tickets for Children's Charities* Chairperson.

Please mail this form with an accompanying letter & brochure (if available) to:

Tickets for Children Charities, c/o **Idlewild & SoakZone**, PO Box C, Ligonier, PA 15658

Organization Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Organization Website _____ Tax Status/501C-3 # _____

Contact Title _____

Contact Email _____ Contact Phone _____

of TYPE A tickets requested for **Idlewild & SoakZone** _____

of TYPE B tickets requested for **Idlewild & SoakZone** _____